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HUMANS OF PARKLAND
MICHAEL TRAME
Vice President of Student Services



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Emma Gray
Editor

“I started off as a high school teacher and then the volleyball coach here at Parkland. So I took a little different career path than many college administrators: I didn’t come directly through the faculty or staff. I had spent about ten years in the high school setting, coaching and teaching...and then was very fortunate to get offered an opportunity to come and be Parkland’s academic monitor and advisor to the athletes and volleyball coach. I had come out of undergrad, gone to law school for a little while, decided that

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Upcoming march aims to support veterans

Destiny Norris
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 15, the Student Veteran’s Association at Parkland will be hosting a march to raise awareness for veterans in Champaign-Urbana and surrounding areas.

The Student Veteran’s Association at Parkland is an organization founded to highlight veterans’ presence and to advocate for student veterans and active members in the Parkland community.

The event, dubbed the Champaign Ruck, is what is called a rucksack march. Participants will walk for approximately 3.5 miles carrying food donations for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank in their rucksacks or backpacks.

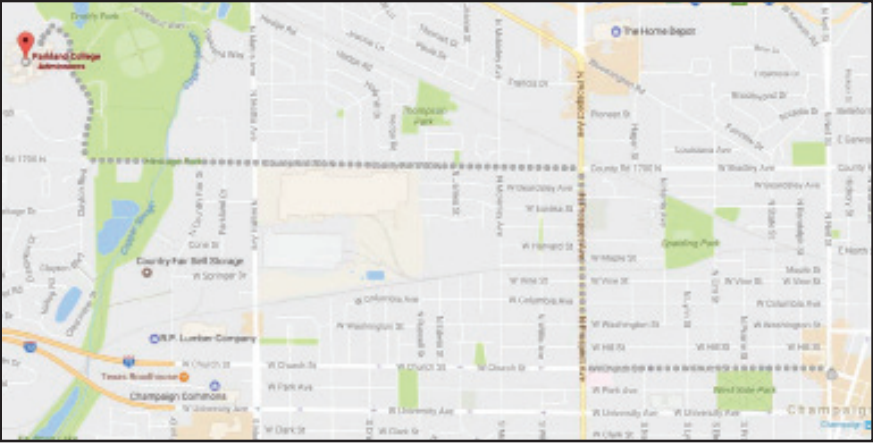


Image provided by Kristina Taylor

The path that the veterans will be taking on the Champaign Ruck veterans event begins at Parkland College and ends at the northeast end of West Side Park in Champaign.

The route for the march will begin at Parkland College and end at the northeast end of West Side Park in Champaign. The march will begin at 11 a.m. For participants’ convenience, a Parkland bus will be present at the park following

the event in order to transport entrants back to the college.

The Student Veteran’s Association at Parkland was pioneered in 2008. Kristina Taylor, one of three co-founders and a financial aid advisor at Parkland, oversees the association. She is

also the coordinator of veterans and military personnel students’ services.

Taylor says the purpose of the Champaign Ruck is to raise awareness for veterans’ issues and to help support veterans in need by partnering

with the Eastern Illinois Foodbank.

“The foodbank has pop-up veterans’ foodbanks to assist veterans in need,” Taylor said.

Participation in the event isn’t solely limited to veterans.

“Anyone supportive of veterans is welcome to attend,” Taylor states.

This may include anyone who has served in the military and armed forces or who lives in the Champaign-Urbana community and surrounding areas. Family of service members and veterans, as well as friends and community members wanting to be involved are also welcome.

Anyone wanting to participate can pre-register by contacting

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Scholarship looks to aid future community college faculty

EvyJo Compton
Staff Writer

The Karen Keener Professors of the Future scholarship is one of the many scholarships available to students at Parkland, and its goal is to support underrepresented students who wish to become community college faculty.

If selected, PROF scholars receive financial assistance of up to \$9,000 as well as mentoring support.

Applicants must meet the following requirements: they must be students, United States citizens or permanent legal residents, have completed 24 credit hours in their program, have a Parkland grade-point average of at least 3.2, and be planning to transfer to a four-year college. Students must also be a part of

an underrepresented group in the field they aspire to teach.

“Students should plan to transfer to a four-year institution in fall 2017,” says Umeeta Sadarangani, an English instructor and chair of the scholarship committee. “They must not already have earned a bachelor’s degree.”

The scholarship committee, along with the departments of the applicant’s disciplines, come together to decide which student will receive the scholarship.

“Each department gets to decide which groups are underrepresented and who would bring diversity,” Sadarangani states. “Departments will be consulted when we receive applications.”

If a student receives the scholarship, they will receive benefits such as financial aid and

mentoring by a Parkland faculty member in their field of study.

“We want to help students financially so they can pursue a career teaching at a community college,” Sadarangani states. “Student will receive \$9,000 over four years. The amount of financial aid goes up over time, with \$500 per semester during the first year and \$1,500 per semester over two years of a master’s program.”

Once a student has been accepted and is in the program, there are a few requirements they will have to meet to keep the scholarship.

“Students have to send us their official transcripts after every semester,” Sadarangani says. “They will have to keep a mentoring relationship with the Parkland faculty in their decided field. They will also have to

transfer to a four-year university within the calendar year. Students have to stay in the field, and complete bachelor’s and master’s degrees.”

The PROF scholarship was established in 1997 by the late Karen M. Keener, who joined the English department at Parkland College in 1970 and was chair of the humanities department when she retired in 2000. Keener was a strong proponent in diversifying the faculty at Parkland College.

The goal of the scholarship is to focus on diversity and to support underrepresented students, providing them with mentoring that will prepare them for their future.

“I really think that being mentored by faculty has a wonderful impact on the success of the students,” Sadarangani states. “I hope students who

receive the scholarship will take advantage of that opportunity in an ongoing way. I encourage interested students to talk to faculty about job experiences in the area they are wishing to pursue.”

Students who are interested in the PROF scholarship can contact Sadarangani by phone at 217-373-3868, by email at usadarangani@parkland.edu, or in-person by stopping by her office at C245.

Further requirements and information about PROF can be found on the scholarship’s web page at parkland.edu/academics/PROF.aspx, where students can also download the 2017 application form.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. April 10.

ENTERTAINMENT

“Oz” production at Virginia Theatre highlights performers’ love for dance



Photo by Lindsay Cox | The Prospectus
Costumes for characters in “Journey to the Land of Oz” were hand-sewn by volunteers at the Springer Cultural Center.

Greg Gancarz
Staff Writer

The Champaign Park District will be showcasing over 80 dancers from first grade through graduate school in their upcoming production “Journey to the Land of Oz” on April 8-9.

The show is broken into three sections: a 30-minute Irish dance section, a 20-minute contemporary dance section and a 45-minute ballet section. The ballet section is themed “The Wizard of Oz.”

Megan Sieg, a neuroscience student who’s been dancing with the Park District for two years now, says the ballet sections are “telling the story of ‘The Wizard of Oz’ without the words, through dance.”

Work on the production began in January. According to Program Director Gina Wojnar, staff and parent volunteers have already put in lots of work.

“[Staff and parents have contributed] well over a hundred hours of time to help [the] performance come together,” says Wojnar.

These volunteers are almost

entirely responsible for construction of the onstage sets and costumes that will be used during the performances. Volunteers help with every aspect of the production, even if they have little previous experience.

“We’ve got moms who know nothing about sewing who will still hand-stitch buttons onto costumes,” says Regina Ray, a mother who has been aiding the park district’s production efforts for nine years. “We’ve got people who bring foods in so we can sew all day and keep the whole thing going. It’s very much a team effort.”

Volunteers like Ray admit the work is always a struggle because of how time consuming it can be, but also says it’s always worth it.

“It doesn’t matter if you’d worked on a tiny part or something big, [the best part] is still just seeing it all come together,” says Ray.

For Sue Barlow, another parent who’s volunteered for multiple years just “having the opportunity to be creative and see a finished product” is a reward in and of itself, in addition to seeing the girls in action up on the stage.



Photo by Lindsay Cox | The Prospectus
Dance Program Director Gina Wojnar rehearses with dancers in preparation for the upcoming show.

Barlow says she’s happy to volunteer and help the park district in putting on the show.

“They are providing a quality program in teaching these dancers to love to dance and, to me, that’s the most important thing,” says Barlow.

The dancers themselves spend large amounts of time preparing, as well. Rehearsals usually take place on weekends, with practices often spilling over into the week. For Sieg, being a graduate student means that most of her free time outside of school is spent on the production.

“I love dancing so I enjoy it, though,” Sieg says.

With the time before the premiere date winding down, Wojnar and the volunteers are all confident the show will be “a successful performance that people will enjoy watching,” according to Wojnar.

“We may have to work 80 hours in that last week to finish up costumes,” said Barlow, “but we’ll have it all done in time.”

Wojnar has been the program director for over half a year, however it’s her first time “working in this

capacity with the theatre.” She says it’s a very exciting experience.

“I really get a sense of the work ethic that the students in our program put forth and their interest,” Wojnar says. “It’s inspiring to see so many people coming together.”

Wojnar herself grew up dancing and performing. Now, she and other instructors practice hands-on for hours on end with the young performers of the show to get everything right, an effort she’s happy to take part in.

“I’m constantly delighted to be bringing our community an opportunity to have an experience in dance,” says Wojnar.

Performances will be Saturday, April 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the Virginia Theater in downtown Champaign.

Tickets are available online or at the theater box office through the day of the performance. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children 12 and under.

For more information on “Journey to the Land of Oz” and to buy tickets, go to thevirginia.org/events.

Production of universal license plate in Illinois stalled

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Two years after Illinois adopted a universal specialty license plate, it still hasn’t been produced or issued.

The Legislature and Gov. Bruce Rauner approved a decal law in order to limit the number of specialized plates on the state’s roads, The State Journal-Register reported. It became effective last July.

Currently, nearly 110 specialty plates support various causes, such as violence prevention, organ donation and sports teams. Motorists pay extra for the plates, and part of the proceeds supports the cause.

The new plates would be a universal design and allow for a large decal representing a specific charity. For a charity to qualify for a decal, at least 2,000 people would have to show interest in the charity and submit a

deposit.

Henry Haupt, a secretary of state spokesman, said none of the interested organizations have reached the 2,000 threshold.

The deposits are usually \$25, but the charitable organizations come up with the specific figure, according to the secretary of state’s office. The deposit then goes to the charity.

The older specialty plates, which are on more than 327,000 vehicles in Illinois, will still be available, Haupt said.

“Some of these causes are near and dear to people’s hearts. For instance, if someone lost a loved one to an illness, it’s a way to raise money for that charitable cause,” he said. “Also, it’s just a personal thing. We want to make clear that those plates will remain on the road.”

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HEALTH

Parkland students, on the topic of health care

Peter Floess
Staff Writer

Do you have health insurance, and how much do know about your coverage? That was the question presented to 23 Parkland students during a survey conducted mid-March.

Out of those surveyed, five students were uninsured.

One of the uninsured students commented they wished Parkland was more helpful when it came to helping students find health insurance.

Of the uninsured students, two were international students. Currently the Affordable Care Act does not require international students to have insurance. One of these international students, who is from China, was surprised how expensive medical care is in the United States compared with China. According to Stanford Health Policy fellow Karen Eggleston, China has had nearly universal health care since 2012.

According to Antwanette Newton,

an international student advisor with Parkland's Counseling and Advising Center, Parkland "highly recommends" that international students have health insurance and provides information on how to obtain it.

"[International students] receive information from the International Admissions Office" on how to find health insurance, said Newton.

Out of the 18 respondents who had insurance, 10 got their health insurance through their parents. The portion of the Affordable Care Act that requires insurance plans to cover dependent children until the age of 26 was popular among respondents. One of the respondents enjoyed being on their parent's health insurance because it made it possible for them to not worry about health insurance while in college.

One respondent, who is disabled, had mixed coverage with some of their costs being covered by their parents' insurance and other costs being covered by Medicaid.

Another respondent said they were happy with their health insurance, but they did not reveal how their health insurance was provided.

The remaining six respondents all had some form of government-provided health insurance, whether through the Department of Defense's TRICARE, the state of Illinois' All Kids, Medicaid, or some other state program. One of these respondents is currently under a state program, but will switch to their spouse's health care plan when they marry.

Out of 18 students with coverage, 13 were happy with their health insurance.

One respondent was pleased with the Health Alliance plan they were under through their parents. This person has had health problems their entire life, but because of their Health Alliance plan their parents have never struggled to pay their medical bills. This respondent gets routine MRI's which they say would cost \$90,000 per visit without insurance, but due to Health Alliance the family

only spends \$5,000 a year on medical costs, including medication and other hospital visits.

The most common complaints among respondents were that it is hard to find a good health care plan for an affordable price and that insurance companies have too limited of networks when it comes finding doctors or dentists. Dental health and dentistry were major concerns for respondents.

One respondent, who was happy with their father's Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois insurance plan, was concerned about not being allow to stay on their parent's plan to the age of 26 because they need a lot of dental work. Another respondent, who was unhappy with their mother's Health Link insurance, said their dental insurance is "not working."

For more information on getting health insurance as an international student, contact International Student Support at 217-351-2890 or visit their office in U223.

Parkland hosts wellness event for parents



Photo by Kelcey Williams | The Prospectus

Representatives from visiting organizations tend to tables offering information and services to Parkland-goers at the Pregnancy and Parenting Wellness Fair on March 15.

Alex Davidson
Staff Writer

The Pregnancy and Parenting Wellness Fair, the first of its kind held at Parkland, was on March 15 and featured groups from around Champaign showing the services they can offer to students who are new or expecting parents.

Organizations present included Christie Clinic; Women, Infants, and Children; Crisis Nursery; Mettler Center; and Living Alternatives.

"Parkland College wants to make sure that our pregnant and our parenting students understand that we're here to support them," said Sara Maxwell, wellness coordinator at Parkland College.

Each group that came to the school had an event they used to spread information about their services. These events were mostly small giveaways and drawings for families. In total, six organizations had booths.

Christie Clinic had a booth advertising their obstetrician and gynecologist services. They had a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card, as well as Life Savers and Twizzlers. Those tending the booth answered any questions people had for them. The clinic offers classes for expecting mothers on topics such as childbirth



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Wellness Coordinator Sara Maxwell tends the information table at the Pregnancy and Parenting Wellness Fair on March 15.

preparation and breastfeeding, as well as information on birth control, alcohol abuse resources, quitting smoking, acquiring food and clothing, social services, and shelters, in addition to their OBGYN services.

The WIC booth had information on what it is and how it can help families. WIC is a program, run by the public health department, that helps low-income families provide baby formula for infants and food such as dairy products and fruits and vegetables for children aged one to five years

old. WIC participants are also eligible to receive summer farmer's market vouchers.

Crisis Nursery's booth offered gift bags of items for families that may not be able to afford them. Crisis Nursery offers services to families in need such as emergency child care on a 24-hour basis, as well as resources for mothers who are going through a crisis such as depression, teen parenting or homelessness. These resources include counseling, interaction and support groups,


parent education classes, and basic need items such as diapers. The goal of the group is to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The Mettler Center had a massage table set up and was offering free demonstration massages. The Mettler Center is a company that offers services to help parents stay healthy, such as personal trainers, massages, and nutrition guidance to keep a healthy diet.

Living Alternatives is a faith-based organization that works to promote life affirming options for expecting mothers. They had a display of human fetus sizes, starting with twelve weeks and going through thirty-six. They handed out gift bags that contained things that families might need or want, such as diapers and a free gift card to Little Caesars. The organization offers resources for new and expecting mothers such as free pregnancy tests, education on sex, pregnancy, parenting, adoption, counseling, and assistance to families in need.

Sara Maxwell says she was happy with how the event turned out, and that she considers the event a success. More students came to the fair than originally expected, and she is optimistic about the future of the event.

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Winter is over!! Pssst . . . guess what??

March is the beginning of the tornado season in Illinois. Sixty-five percent of the tornadoes which hit Illinois have come in March, April, May or June, according to records of the Illinois State Water Survey, located at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The major tornado week is April 15-21, and 20 percent of the storms occur in April, according to Stanley A. Changnon Jr., head of the survey's Atmospheric Sciences Section.

While the destructive storms are concentrated in the spring, heavy tornado activity also has occurred in September and in late December, he said.

On the average, 10 tornadoes hit Illinois each year. Sixty-five percent occur between 2 and 8 p.m. They have touched down in every county.

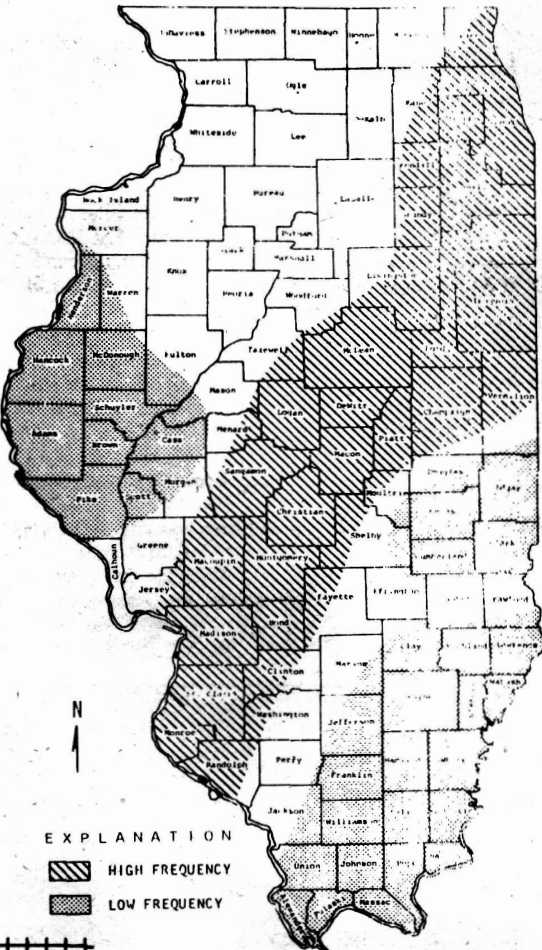
Their greatest frequency is along a corridor three counties wide extending northeast from St. Louis to Chicago.

Changnon said 80 percent of the tornadoes in Illinois move northeast, at speeds from four to 67 miles an hour. Their average path is just under 14 miles long, though some have churned along for more than 100 miles.

To warn the public, radar and other storm detection devices watch for tornadoes. When conditions likely to cause such a storm exist, and when a tornado actually is sighted, watches and warnings are broadcast through radio and television stations.

Changnon said the safest place to go during a tornado warning is an underground storm cellar or a sturdily constructed building.

- He gave seven survival suggestions:
- Stay away from windows.
 - Open several windows to help equalize pressure between the partial vacuum of the tornado and the inside of the building.
 - Avoid rooms with large edge-supported roofs, such as gymnasiums, auditoriums, supermarkets and shopping centers. Wherever possible, stay in an interior hallway on a lower floor.



- In a home, go to the center of the basement or a lower floor, and stay away from outside walls. (Contrary to past beliefs, debris collects near all outside walls if a house collapses; the center remains free of materials.)
- Get under a heavy piece of furniture, such as a table or a workbench.
- Avoid mobile homes, because they can be tipped over by a tornado. Seek other shelter if possible.
- If no buildings are available, move at right angles away from the tornado's path. If escape is not possible, lie face down in a ditch or ravine.

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Changnon said the funnel is a common tornado form, but it is not the only one. Some tornadoes look like ropes which dance and flutter. Some can be seen moving in the clouds but are not visible initially because they are not picking up dirt and other debris.

One of the most deadly tornadoes on record looked like a dark, menacing thunderstorm, low to the ground, he said. This giant tornado of March 18, 1925, swept a 220-mile path from Missouri across Illinois into Indiana, killing 695 persons, injuring 2,000 and causing \$16.5 million damage.

Changnon classifies tornadoes into three sizes:

- Small, with diameters in terms of yards and ground paths of one to two miles. These often look like "dancing ropes."
- Medium, with diameters of 100 to 300 yards and a path of five to 15 miles. These often appear as funnels.
- Large, with diameters of one-half to one and one-half miles and a path of up to 150 miles or more. Because they are so large, they seldom appear to have a funnel.

While large tornadoes account for only 1 percent of all tornadoes, they cause 20 percent of tornado damage in the United States, he said.

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Illinois has just had its worst winter, says a weather scientist in the Illinois State Water Survey.

The winter of 1977-78, which began during the last week of November:

- Produced near-continuous temperatures from 5 to 10 degrees below normal for more than 100 days.
- Resulted in the lowest winter average for December through February since most state temperature records began more than 100 years ago.
- Broke all past records for total snowfall in many parts of Illinois, especially southern, eastern and northeastern parts.
- Produced a record long period of snow cover.

This winter has claimed many lives, cost millions of dollars and caused unmeasurable hardships.

The mean winter temperature from Dec. 1 through the end of February showed averages lower than any three months since reliable records have been kept in Illinois.

Through these three months, below-normal temperatures were almost continuous. Only in mid-December and in early January were there brief periods above normal, and from early January on, there were two months below normal.

Moline had 41 winter days with minimum temperatures below zero. At Urbana and most other locations, daily minimums were below freezing continuously from Jan. 8 through early March. St. Louis had 53 days with below freezing temperatures during the 89 days of official winter.

Snowfall in the 1977-78 winter was also a record-breaker in many parts of Illinois. Heavy snowfalls, high winds and near-continuous below-normal temperatures resulted in a record long period of snow cover.

By the end of February, the 1977-78 snowfall in many

parts of Illinois had broken all records. Chicago had exceeded 80 inches, many central Illinois points set records over 60 inches, and in St. Louis and in Southern Illinois, 50 inches of snow had fallen.

Many places had seven or eight storms with four or more inches of snow in 24 hours. Urbana, for example, had 4.2 inches on Nov. 27; 8.7 inches, Dec. 5-6; 4.7 inches, Dec. 8; 5 inches, Jan. 15-16; 7 inches, Jan. 25-26; 11.3 inches, Feb. 13-14; 4.7 inches, March 2, and 7.1 inches March 7.

Several storms brought the state to its knees, with transportation, businesses and schools closed repeatedly by heavy snow and drifting from high winds.

Another impressive statistic of the record winter has been the duration of snow cover. Most of Illinois has had some cover since November, and Central Illinois has had an inch or more of snow on the ground since Jan. 8 — more than two months.

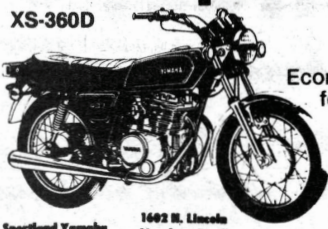
There have been winters with short periods of colder temperatures, and there have been periods of greater snow depth on any given day, but all in all, the winter of 1977-78 was the worst since the pioneers came into Illinois.

December-January of 1976-77 and of 1917-18 both had extremely cold temperatures, but these were not accompanied by record snowfalls. Nor was snow prolonged throughout the typical November - through - early - March winter of Illinois.

In fact, 1977-78 has exceeded the famous winter of 1830-31 when snow fell to depths of two to four feet over the entire state, temperatures dropped to 10 and 20 degrees below zero in northern Illinois, and snow cover lasted for two months until a major thaw in late February.

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Now is a perfect time to start planning your garden!

Sit down and make a list of the vegetables you'd like to grow. Map out your garden and decide where each vegetable will be placed. Next, take an inventory of your plant supplies and buy the seeds you need. Buy clean, viable, disease-free seed. The seed should be treated to control disease organisms on the surface of the seed and to prevent decay. It's best not to use seed more than one year old.

The advantages of growing your own plants from a seed are that they are usually less expensive, they are available when you need them and you can grow varieties that you especially want that may not be available. Success in starting vegetable plants at home depends on viable seeds, a sterile plant-growing medium, proper germinating, adequate light, proper spacing, necessary water and fertilizer.

Seeds can be sown shallowly in rows two inches apart and then transplanted, or they can be sown directly into the final growing container, but this requires more space. Moisture control during the germinating period can be maintained by covering the container with plastic or glass. Be prepared to remove these as soon as the seedlings emerge!

The decision of when to start these plants should be based on the crop, the time to grow a good transplant, and the proper planting season. It takes 3-4 weeks to grow transplants of cucumbers and muskmelons; 4-6 weeks for herbs, tomatoes, and watermelons; 5-7 weeks for broccoli, cabbage cauliflower, and lettuce; and 6-8 weeks for eggplant and peppers.

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12 High fliers from British university taken on by financial speculators (7)

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14 Fruit obtained by interbreeding conker with mallow regularly (4-5)

16 Arrangement of locks which requires no key (9)

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23 Broadcast "The Jazz Singer?" (7)

24 Evangelists chiefly refer to part of the Bible: that's obvious (7)

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26 Goneril, Regan and Cordelia for example in 21's work (5,7)
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1 Set of cutlery from cafeteria (7)

2 Where Lawrence went to drink cold coffee (7)

3,9 Article by revolutionary bishop takes on leaders of orthodox church in a measure – 21 wrote it (3,6,7)

4 Lozenge obtained from doctor by Greek character (5)

5 Copper gets stuck in large chimney, the sucker (7)

6 In speech, observe Fool following 3 (part 1) in 21's work (7)

7 Enterprise, for example, requiring mostly clever chaps to work – including one egghead (5,7)

10 Break up with girl, treating emotions extremely casually (12)

15 Company briefly gets involved with dodgy stereotypes – and protects fence? (9)

17 Swimmer in frozen water flounders perhaps (3-4)

18 Leaders of society paraded here to hold a ball in olden times (7)

19 Not knowing where outspoken girl is leading (7)

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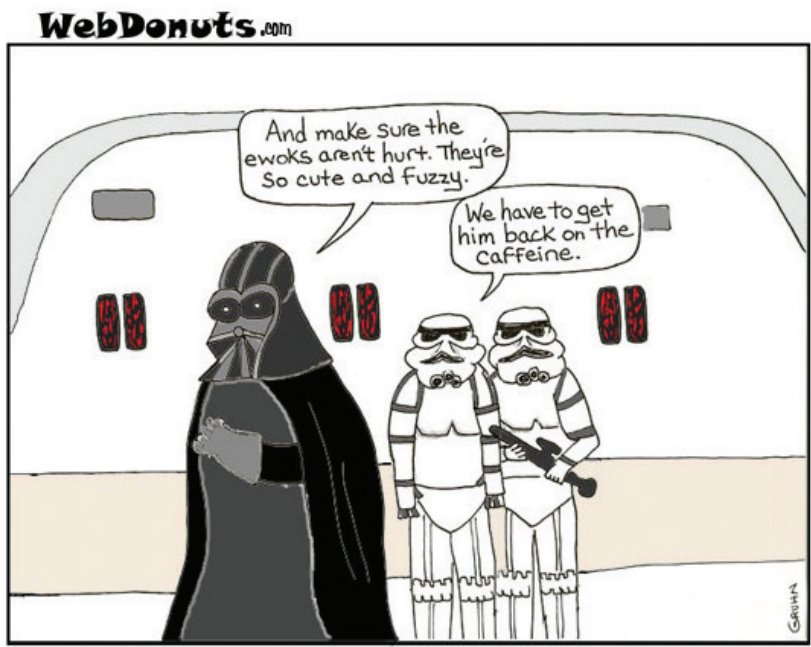
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POLITICS

Campaign donation limits lifted in Illinois governor's race

Sophia Tareen
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Democratic businessman Chris Kennedy's roughly \$250,000 donation to his own campaign has lifted spending caps in what's expected to be another big money race for Illinois governor.

Kennedy's contribution, filed with election officials Friday, follows Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's record-setting \$50 million donation to his own re-election bid last year. However, the former venture capitalist's contribution didn't remove the limits because of how early the donation was made. When a self-funded statewide candidate or family member gives over \$250,000 in the 12 months before an election, the caps are lifted for all candidates, according to state law. Illinois' gubernatorial primary is March 20, 2018.

Yet Kennedy campaign spokesman Mark Bergman said Rauner's action

had the effect of lifting the limits. He said Kennedy's \$250,100 contribution sends a message.

"He is going to put his money where his mouth is," Bergman said. "He wants to see Illinois taken in a new direction."

The contributions follow a record-setting 2014 contest when Rauner, a first-time candidate, and Democrat Pat Quinn spend roughly \$100 million total. And the 2018 field of candidates with major spending power could still grow: Billionaire businessman J.B. Pritzker is also considering a run.

Several Democrats with less personal wealth have thrown their hats in the ring, including Chicago Alderman Ameya Pawar and state Sen. Daniel Biss, who has \$1.4 million cash on hand.

"If Democrats want to out-Rauner Rauner, we're going to lose," Biss said in a statement. "Sending the message that only the rich or only the machine have access to this government

just exacerbates the broken culture in Springfield that voters are yearning for us to fix."

Pawar's campaign circulated a fundraising email Friday after Kennedy's donation was filed seeking donations of \$3 or more from people "tired of big money politics running the show."

Rauner, who's been at odds over a budget with Democrats leading the House and Senate since taking office, told reporters Monday that politics is "rough and tumble."

"Everybody who is talking about running on the other side of the ticket,



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In this Feb. 8, 2017 file photo, Chicago businessman and Democratic candidate for Illinois Governor Chris Kennedy poses for a portrait in his office in Chicago. The limits are lifted on spending in next year's Illinois governor's race after Kennedy put more than \$250,000 into his campaign fund. The move signals another big spending campaign among incumbent Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrats challenging him.

in the other party, is a continuation of the status quo," he said.

Illinois considers legalizing marijuana for a fiscal boost

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Marijuana advocates are trying to lay the groundwork for Illinois to become the first state in the Midwest and the ninth nationwide to legalize recreational pot, arguing the move will help solve the state's notorious budget crisis.

Two Illinois state lawmakers introduced legislation last week that would allow residents 21 and older to possess, grow or buy up to an ounce (28 grams) of marijuana and license businesses to sell marijuana products subject to regulation. They say it would help fill Illinois' multibillion-dollar budget hole with \$350 to \$700 million in new tax revenue.

A national advocacy group, the Marijuana Policy Project, based the estimate on the proposal's \$50-per-ounce wholesale tax, Illinois' standard sales tax, federal marijuana consumption data and recreational pot prices in Colorado. The proposal earmarks 50 percent of wholesale revenues for the state's general fund and divides the remaining half 30/20 between education and public health.

Every state to legalize pot to date has done so by voter ballot initiative, according to Chris Lindsey, a legislative analyst with the project. But Illinois advocates are not alone in holding out hope for lawmaker approval. Seventeen other states — including Missouri — are also considering legislative action.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat who co-sponsored 2014

legislation that legalized medical marijuana in Illinois, is sponsoring the proposal in the House. She said states that legalized marijuana have seen an economic boost from increased tax revenue, new jobs and bolstered tourism.

"We're talking about all sorts of ways of raising revenue," Cassidy said, referring to state lawmakers' efforts to break a two-year budget logjam. "We might as well be talking about this, too."

But she and fellow Chicago Democrat Sen. Heather Steans, who sponsored legislation that succeeded in decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of pot last year, know their new pitch could be a tough sell. They plan to jumpstart conversations with lawmakers, interest groups and the public this spring but won't move legislation forward in the current session.

Key players like the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police currently oppose the measure. Ed Wojcicki, the association's director, called legalizing recreational pot "an enforcement nightmare." He said existing science remains inconclusive about how to best identify impairment on the road and in other compromising situations.

Democratic Rep. Lou Lang of Skokie, lead sponsor of the medical marijuana proposal, suggested the staggered timeline could help lawmakers gain a more complete picture of potential benefits and consequences

— especially as more data rolls in on Illinois' pilot medical marijuana program, which launched in late 2015.

"I do think this might be in Illinois' future," Lang said. "I certainly support the idea of having a discussion."

Illinois legalization advocates like Dan Linn, who directs the state chapter of a nonprofit lobbying group called NORML, have long been working toward this conversation. Linn said states where pot is legal have recorded no uptick in traffic fatalities. Instead of threatening public safety, he contended, regulating the already widely consumed substance will take the business out of the hands of criminals and impose important regulations like quality and age controls.

"There's not a drug dealer in this country that asks for an ID when someone's looking to buy drugs," he said.

The proposal is launching at a time when the federal government,



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In this April 12, 2016 file photo, Illinois Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, speaks at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Ill. Illinois state lawmakers are considering a proposal that could make Illinois the first state in the Midwest and the ninth nationally to legalize recreational pot. Rep. Cassidy and Sen. Heather Steans introduced legislation last week that would legalize small amounts of marijuana for adults and license businesses to sell cannabis products. They argue it would help solve the state's budget crisis. say the move could raise between \$350 to \$700 million in tax revenue, create new jobs and bolster tourism.

which still lists marijuana as an illegal drug, is considering ramping up enforcement against recreational use. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said last month his department is reviewing an Obama administration memo that gave states flexibility in passing marijuana laws.

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LOCAL

Spurlock Museum talk highlights 20th century arctic expedition

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The University of Illinois’ Spurlock Museum of Cultures held a talk about a group of explorers and their expedition into the Arctic, presented by Adam Doskey on March 15.

Speaker Adam Doskey, who is with the University’s Department of Rare Books & Manuscripts, explained how the story originally began with Robert Peary, an American explorer who during one of his trips to the North Pole believed he saw a land near the coast of the Canadian Arctic. He named it Crocker Land after one of his financial backers who often funded his expeditions.

Peary had hoped that this would motivate his backer to finance another trip, but the backer refused.

As time went on, many challenged Peary, claiming that they had reached the North Pole before him. Competing parties also claimed that they did not see the land Peary described, which would imply that his claim was false.

Peary’s backers set off on a journey to protect his claim. The expedition was organized in part by the University of Illinois and began in 1913.

The explorers faced many troubles



Photo by Kelcey Williams | The Prospectus
Adam Doskey presents at the Spurlock Museum of Cultures on March 15.

along the way, as Doskey explained in a story about their first ship crashing because of a drunk captain and their needing to find a replacement.

Upon arrival in northwest Greenland, the team built a shed that served as their home base while they surveyed the region.

The explorers then ventured off to find Crocker Land, on a 1,200 mile trek, and upon reaching its supposed

location, they found this supposed land was a hoax.

The team returned to home base, but due to weather conditions had trouble getting home, Doskey explained. Multiple ships were sent to rescue the expedition, but all ended up trapped in ice and failed. The explorers were stuck for four years from 1913–1917.

During this time, they explored the land around them and interacted

with the native Inuit people. This allowed them to bring back records of a multitude of small regions around them and artifacts from the Inuit.

Their expedition resulted in numerous photographs documenting the indigenous people, their culture, and the natural geology of the region. Along with these, the explorers also brought back over 200 artifacts, which are displayed in Spurlock Museum.

Books played a big part in the expedition to defend Peary. Doskey told the audience about how the group had collected books on numerous scientific subjects, in hopes of being able to investigate all aspects of Crocker Land.

Doskey told the audience about one specific book from the expedition, signed by one of the explorers, that was found by a coworker in a used bookstore. The book was addressed to Acacia Fraternity. He shared this story to show that although all the artifacts from the expedition were returned to the museum, the books the explorers read in their four years in the shack were not all found, and may turn up anywhere.

To find out more about upcoming events like this, visit the Spurlock Museum website at spurlock.illinois.edu.

Vacant Illinois agency jobs could move to Springfield area

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois agencies under Gov. Bruce Rauner have been told to decide whether vacant positions can be moved to the Springfield area as part of the process to fill the jobs.

The Department of Central Management Services issued a memo Wednesday outlining the procedures needed for agencies to transfer vacant or currently occupied jobs to the state capital in Springfield, The State Journal-Register reported (<http://bit.ly/2mzUJmW>).

The department’s acting director, Michael Hoffman, says the memo was issued in response to a legislative resolution last year that asked agencies to identify jobs that could potentially be relocated to Sangamon County, which includes Springfield, from other parts of the state.

“Based on this workforce study, agencies identified a significant number of positions that rightfully



Photo by Rich Saal | The State Journal-Register via AP
Illinois Senate President John Cullerton, D-Chicago, speaks during a news conference Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at the state Capitol in Springfield, Ill. Cullerton abruptly canceled key votes Wednesday on a plan to end the state’s historic budget stalemate, accusing Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner of sabotaging a compromise that had been months in the making.

belong in Sangamon County, the location of the capital of the state of Illinois,” Hoffman said in the memo.

The General Assembly approved a resolution last year directing agencies under the governor to

report on where their jobs are and the potential for relocating some of them to Springfield.

The survey identified nearly 390 jobs that could be relocated to Springfield, including many positions now in Chicago and Cook County. At the time it was compiled, the survey said nearly 270 of those jobs were filled and about 120 were vacant.

Hoffman’s memo detailed instructions that agencies should follow to relocate positions.

“Effective immediately, agencies seeking to fill vacancies outside of Sangamon County will be required to evaluate whether the position could be geographically transferred to Sangamon County,” Hoffman wrote. “The determination of whether a position can be geographically transferred will be left to each agency director’s discretion.”

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wasn’t really where I wanted to spend my career, then I got into teaching, because I really enjoy working with students and young people...That lead me to the high school teaching and coaching profession, I really enjoyed my time in the classroom but was never settled that this was the long-term career for me. I enjoyed my days in the classroom, I felt like I was good at it, but I was still a little unsettled.

When I got to Parkland for the first time I really felt at home, with the institution itself and what it stood for and the people that it touches and the

lives it impacts. For the first time, I knew I wanted to be here and that this was the career place for me.

I really liked the academic advising and helping the student-athletes stay on their path and figure out what they wanted to do. It was helping them figure out what they wanted to do with their education, it was helping many of them achieve academic success that they were not confident that they could achieve; maybe that’s why I liked that route so much.

I really enjoyed my time as the volleyball coach also; we had some great success volleyball wise. I had young children at the time though and I was really missing a lot of time with them so I decided that I wanted to move into administration instead of continuing to coach. But there just weren’t a lot of opportunities to do

that in Student Services at the time. I also needed to add some additional experience to my resume and skill sets.


While I was used to running teams...I needed to gain additional professional college experience ...So I left and went to the University for a few years...[I worked] for the Political Science department. I also worked for the Athletic department...That gave me some additional managerial and other experiences I needed to round out myself professionally.

Despite the great experiences I had at the University, I always knew that I wanted to get back to Parkland. Parkland was where I wanted to be professionally. I was very fortunate that an opportunity presented itself here. One of my mentors, Dr. Moore, who was my predecessor in this

position... gave me the opportunity to return to Parkland as the Director of the Assessment Center...After I had done the assessment work for a little while, the Dean of Enrollment position was created by the college and I was very fortunate to get to help initially shape that position... Dr. Moore retired in September of 2015 and so this position became available. I am honored to be able to serve the students, staff and faculty of Parkland College in this position.

That’s kind of my story of how I got here, but all those stops along the way for me really focused on helping students in different ways. I am so fortunate to be in a career where serving students and helping them reach their academic goals is what I get to do every day.”

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LIFESTYLE

Parkland student’s passion for music exemplifies ease of changing majors

Derian Silva
Staff Writer

Dillon Honn is a music major at who used Parkland to discover his passion. Honn has had first-hand experience with how easy switching majors can be at Parkland and how doing so can lead to discovering one’s true passion. Honn originally came to Parkland from Gilman, Ill., and began to study veterinary science. Soon he decided that it wasn’t for him, though, because he realized animals were not his what he was most passionate about. Instead, he realized how much he loved music education and chose to begin studying that. Even though he had a few credits in veterinary science, he was able to switch to music education at Parkland easily because he hadn’t begun to take

the higher-level courses which could have made it more difficult to change majors later. He wants to one day become a music teacher and give back to the world what he has found through being taught music. “Even though I am a music education major I hope to use the knowledge I’ve gained here to help others find their passion,” Honn says. After making the decision to switch majors, he says it was very easy to transition and instantly felt like a part of the family. “They really do care about how you’re doing and check up on you occasionally to make sure things are going well,” he says. Honn performs with the jazz ensemble at the school as a saxophonist, which has allowed him

to perform occasionally around town as well. “Sometimes we go down to this jazz club in downtown Urbana called the Iron Post and we usually have a big show at the end of the year,” Honn says. Honn is also a member of Parkland’s Perimeter Road Sound Recordings, a record label and recording studio on campus. He takes on the role of an engineer there and tries to delve into every other aspect of the recordings as they are happening. Some of his favorite aspects of working at the studio are getting to set up microphones, hit record, set levels, work the central audio connection area—and almost everything else. Honn also gets to take an active role in promoting the work that Perimeter Road does by doing everything from

writing promotional material to distributing the works. By taking a role in Perimeter Road, Honn has come to fully realize what his passion is. “Being completely honest I had no idea what was involved in music recording, music production or anything until I took a class here at Parkland and it changed everything for me as it made me realize what I love about music,” Honn says. A lot of Honn’s motivation and energy comes from Deane Geiken and Adam Porter, the faculty members at the record label. Honn says that constantly seeing how excited they are about projects makes him feel like they truly care about what he is learning.

Millennials, hoping to find real connections, ban the booze

Kelli Kennedy
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — It’s not really about the meal at the monthly Conscious Family Dinner, although there is a plenty of vegan Indian food. You can spend time in a cuddling sanctuary, sit down with a tarot reader, chat career goals with a life coach or sit in on an acro-yoga sex psychotherapy presentation. And there’s almost always some form of dancing. But what’s inconspicuously missing is alcohol. Creator Ben Rolnik says the dinners are about creating a new form of play that facilitates meaningful connections, not the vapid chitchat that often proliferates at cocktail parties or bars. The reception to the dry dinners, held at various spots in Los Angeles but expanding soon nationwide, has been impressive, with each of the 200-person event selling out. Tickets cost about \$35.

“It’s like a journey more than a dinner,” said Rolnick, a 26-year-old yogi and former talent manager. Similar parties are popping up across the country, notably in New York, Miami and Chicago, tapping into an itch from millennials to find meaningful connections and purpose even in their night life. When Justin Henderson, who created the event company Bender, hosted his first few events in Chicago a few years ago, he served alcohol, but noticed very few people were imbibing. As time went on, he noticed more alcohol was leftover at each event and he decided to stop offering it all together. Instead, Bender’s events range from 40 to 300 people and include everything from a rooftop yoga pool party at the Standard Hotel to midnight silent disco yoga on the pool deck of the SoHo House in Chicago during a full moon. “I’m just one part of a much, much bigger movement that’s happening. It’s not so much about whether alcohol is there or not ... people are just looking for ways to connect around things that they value and are passionate about,” said Henderson, a former health care manager who was looking for a fun way to help people live healthier lives. Courtney Nichols, a 28-year-old owner of an event planning company and self-proclaimed dance fiend, has attended several Bender events in Los Angeles, and says it combines the fun of a late night party in a more socially conscious manner. “It’s never been an issue of not having alcohol. It probably is to the benefit of the event,” said Nichols, who was struck by the sense of camaraderie she experienced. “You get to meet people in a clearer head space. You leave the party and you feel refreshed.” While the events have a different feel around the country, they all



In this March 8, 2017 photo, Andrew Hoepfner, left, and Pamela Martinez, center, dances along with participants at a sober social event sponsored by The Shine at a hotel in the Williamsburg neighborhood of the Brooklyn borough of New York. Alcohol-free events, which are popping up in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, are part of a trend fueled by millennials seeking to find meaningful connections while they party.

involve movement, often yoga or dance, to help people loosen up and connect with their bodies and each other in a shared experience. The Shine has the feel of a variety show, with mindfully-curated content in Los Angeles and New York once every two months, and includes everything from guided meditation to comedians to beat boxers. The Shine gives about \$400 of its ticket sales to a guest with instructions to help someone with it. They might use the money to feed the homeless or donate it to an animal sanctuary. A short video of how they paid it forward is shown at the next event, said co-producer Andrea Praet. On the notorious boozy holiday St. Patrick’s Day, Anna Garcia traipsed a group of about 20 to a workout — like Caribbean reggae dance or boxing — before hitting four different juice bars around New York for her popular Juice Crawl . Her first event in 2014 sold out. “I wanted an alternative where you could hang out with people and not feel the effects of alcohol and also highlight that you don’t really need it. It’s about highlighting the relationships with people,” said Garcia, a 30-year-old trumpet player who found it difficult to socialize after going vegan. Sober raves, like Daybreaker and Morning Gloryville, have been growing in popularity in recent years where partiers show up at dawn, dressed in their coolest, black-light glowing athleisure and dance their cares away. Afterward, there’s massage, juices and other healthy treats. Daybreaker is hitting up Miami next month where partygoers

will gather at 9 a.m. for yoga at the Fontainebleau’s Glimmer Terrace, followed by a live DJ and dancing. The Softer Image bans not just alcohol but shoes as well. Healers open the space with group rituals, artists showcase their work and DJs supply heart-opening dance music. There’s even sound baths, hypnotists and 31-year-old founder Luke Simon does reiki healings at the events

where the motto is “let’s get psychic not blacked out. Let’s get wild without getting sick. Let’s get turnt while staying woke.” “I wanted to have the spiritual feeling you have going to a workshop or retreat but bring that into the free formness of going out,” said Simon, a Brooklyn-based healer. “Sometimes spirituality gets so structured it doesn’t even feel like you’re living.”

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MARCH

Taylor. Pre-registration is helpful to the organization of the event, but not necessary. Food donations are another way to support the event. After the march, all donated food will be given to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank for distribution. “We are looking for food donations to carry in our rucks on the march. If anyone is interested in donating food, they can drop it off at Parkland Veterans Resource Center in U299,” Taylor says. Taylor says that the goal of the Student Veteran’s Association at Parkland is to “foster esprit de corps among college veterans and promote an understanding of veterans’ issues,” They aim to give student veterans common goals and a place to bond over shared experiences. Taylor also says that cultivating student issues through scheduled meetings, advocacy, and social and recreational

activities are some of the association’s priorities. “[The purpose is] to create an organization where student veterans can come together and feel a sense of connectivity given the nature of their unique past experience, and to create an infrastructure within Parkland College for the purpose of establishing a network of support systems for student veterans,” Taylor says. Taylor says events like the Champaign Ruck are necessary in order to raise awareness to current issues that concern veterans. “Because we don’t live near a large military base, many of those in our community don’t realize the large number of veterans living in Parkland’s 505 district,” says Taylor. “Many of these veterans are in need, and funding for many of our social services that assist these veterans is being cut. It is important that we stay aware of veterans’ issues and do what we can to support our veterans in our community as they have provided a service to us all.” To contact Taylor, email her at ktaylor@parkland.edu.